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HAWAII PARTICIPATE IN OPENING OF SATELLITE TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY IN TONGA

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- 1. REPRESENTATIVE OF CABLE AND WIRELESS LTD, BRITISH FIRM WHICH HAS CONSTRUCTED NEW TELECOMMUNICATIONS EARTH STATION IN THE KINGDOM OF TONGA, HAS REQUESTED THAT GOVERNOR ARIYOSHI PARTICIPATE IN THE OPENING OF THE FACILITY ON JULY 4. PARTICIPATION WOULD CONSIST OF RECEIVING A TELEPHONE CALL ON THE SYSTEM FROM THE KING OF TONGA AT ABOUT 6:40 P.M. TONGAN TIME ON THE 4TH. TEXT OF THE CABLE AND WIRELESS LETTER FOLLOWS:
- 2. "HIS MAJESTY KING TAUFA'AHAU TUPOU IV OF THE KINGDOM OF TONGA WILL OFFICIALLY OPEN THE CABLE AND WIRELESS SATELLITE EARTH STATION IN NUKU'ALOFA ON TUESDAY, JULY 4, 1978, WHICH IS ALSO THE KING'S 60TH BIRTHDAY.

ON BEHALF OF HIS MAJESTY, AND WITH THE PERMISSION OF HIS MAJESTY'S SECRETARY, WE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE THE GOVERNOR UNCLASSIFIED

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OF HAWAII, MR. GEORGE R. ARIYOSHI, TO ACCEPT AN INAUGURAL CALL FROM THE KING AT 6:40 P.M. TONGAN TIME.

WE WOULD BE MOST GRATEFUL FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING THIS TELEPHONE CALL WITH THE GOVERNOR OF HAWAII. PLEASE LET US KNOW IF MR. ARIYOSHI WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR THIS CEREMONIAL CALL AND IF SO, FROM

WHICH TELEPHONE NUMBER HE WOULD PREFER TO TAKE THE CALL.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION, OUR NEW YORK OFFICE MAY BE MAKING AN APPROACH THROUGH THE STATE DEPARTMENT. WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR EARLY REPLY."

3. GOVERNOR'S OFFICE HAS BEEN CONTACTED DIRECTLY BY CABLE AND WIRELESS. GOVERNOR'S SECRETARY SAW NO PROBLEMS WITH THIS REQUEST BUT REQUESTED CONFIRMATION IN WRITING. UNLESS THE DEPARTMENT PERCEIVES AN OBJECTION, WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT THE RECEPTION CENTER TRANSMIT THE TEXT OF THE LETTER IN PARAGRAPH TWO ABOVE TO THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE WITH THE COMMENT THAT CABLE AND WIRELESS IS A HIGHLY REPUTABLE BRITISH FIRM WHICH IS PROVIDING A MUCH NEEDED SERVICE TO THE KINGDOM OF TONGA. THE TONGANS ARE NATURALLY MOST ELATED ABOUT THE OPENING OF THIS FACILITY AND, IF THE GOVERNOR'S SCHEDULE PERMITS, HIS PARTICIPATION IN THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE A WELCOME CONTRIBUTION IN CEMENTING GOODWILL BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND TONGA. SELDEN

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